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NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA.

is centrally situated in the triangular figure bounded by lines drawn from Omaha to Cheyenne, thence to Denver, from thence to starting point. It is 254 miles from the first named city, 225 miles from the second, and 259 miles from the third. Having a population of 6,000 people it is the head-quarters of both freight and passenger divisions of the U. P. R. Y. Co., and is the home of about 500 railway employes whose monthly pay roll amounts to some \$35,000.00. Almost 200 miles of irrigation canals are rapidly nearing completion, which will bring into the highest state of cultivation 150,000 acres of the most productive land upon which the sun's rays shine. The citizenship of North Platte is that of the best afforded by the older states, and her people are active, progressive and prosperous. To the industrious, energetic home-seeker from the crowded east North Platte and Lincoln county presents unusual advantages. Thousands of acres of vacant government land, in close proximity to those already being brought under irrigation, may be obtained by consulting the United States land office in North Platte. A letter of inquiry to "U. S. Register, North Platte, Neb.," relative to the above will be promptly answered. Irrigated farming is no longer an experiment, but has reached the point where it is acknowledged as pre-eminently the safest-in all seasons-method of conducting agricultural and horticultural operations. The salubrious and life-giving climate of Lincoln county, where malaria is unknown, and where pulmonary troubles are unknown of, is another incentive to the location therein of those who are anxious to enjoy the good things of this life as long as possible. North Platte churches and schools are above those of eastern communities, the latter being one of the few in Nebraska permitting the graduate thereof to enter the State University without an intermediate preparatory training. The people of the community gladly welcome the honest, industrious eastern citizen who is eager to better his condition and assist in the uplifting and development of a comparatively new country.

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It is said that Secretary Carlisle came very near being run over last Sunday by a careless sleighing party in Washington. Many of our "free silver" brethren will wish that he had been run over a couple of years ago.

UNDER the Nebraska law the county treasurer who does not make his annual settlement with the state treasurer by Feb 1st is liable to a penalty of ten per cent of the amount due the state. This year there are five delinquents, viz: those of Butler, Dakota, Gage, Holt and Sheridan. It is doubtful if a fine is ever collected from them.

THE rising voice of Col. Bill Paxton is luring the members of the legislative stock yards committee. William's squealing over the enactment of an equitable bill regulating stock-yard charges should be unheeded. Least of all should republican legislators yield to the charms of this giddy old democratic leader who only hopes to get their party into a box. There is altogether too much time and attention wasted at Lincoln by the legislature in listening to the specious pleas of professional lobbyists.

THE whiskey trust has had new receivers appointed in the personages of John J. Mitchell and General McNulta, a former receiver having been removed by a Chicago federal judge. General McNulta was at one time receiver for the Wash-burn railway system and through his business like methods the property was put upon a paying basis. If during his administration the retail price of red liquor is reduced, thousands of old soaks throughout the land will wish to see him the next president of these United States.

THE democrats used to say that the establishment of tin plate works in our country were a foolish undertaking, that they could exist only through a high protective duty and would double the price of tin in this country. Through the Wilson tariff they hoped to ruin our American tin works, and restore the tin works of Wales, and our dependence on importations from that country. And in England they had the same hopes. But the results has disappointed our democratic patriots as well as their patriotic English friends. Our tin works have in the short time of their existence gained such strength, that they can stand the competition of the Wales works, all the Wilson tariff notwithstanding. Our Consul Howells at Cardiff has reported that Wales tin manufacturers are greatly discouraged, that they admit the Wilson tariff on which they set their hopes, had not accomplished its object, and that their trade with America was probably gone forever. The American tin works being now or in the future able to furnish tin plate for all the United States. Now our democratic enemies of our tin manufacturers must go in mourning.—Grand Island Independent.

THE political row among the New York reformers looks not only absurd, but ludicrous to bystanders at this distance. Hardly had the Lexow committee made its report when the branch of the reform led by Dr. Parkhurst, reinforced by the faction of republicans who have it in for Tom Platt, began to denounce Lexow as a villain and a conspirator, and Tom Platt as another and a bigger one. And Dr. Parkhurst himself comes out with a certificate that Lexow sinks into insignificance as a true reformer compared to the Tammany member of the committee, Senator Connor, who obstructed it with all his might during the investigation. And Tom Platt is denounced by the same authority as a man so bad that Boss Croker looks like a saint when he sits beside him. Now will somebody explain what the row is about? Who touched off the fireworks and what is the explosion intended to commemorate?—State Journal.

LEGISLATIVE LAZINESS. The senate has been doing business with twenty-one employes in excess of the statutory limit, and as a compromise the auditor last Friday issued warrants in full claims to that date. At the same time he informed the lieutenant governor that the whole list would be denied thereafter unless the paying down process was inaugurated and the pay roll cut to the legal limit. A lopping-off committee is getting in its deadly work and there will be grief when the employes file in to receive the sentence.

In committee of the whole, senate file No 27 was considered. The bill amends the act relating to the soldier's relief commission by providing that a widow of a soldier who having remarried, again becomes a widow dependent upon charity, shall receive benefits under this act. The only other change in the present law is one providing for a fee of \$3 per day and mileage for each commissioner, and providing for one physician on the board, the salary to be limited to five days in the year. The bill was recommended for passage.

The lower house of the state legislature has passed a bill designed to facilitate the conviction and punishment of hog and other live stock thieves. This is a branch of industry that has flourished in Nebraska of late years to an alarming degree and the legislature does well to do all in its power to aid in suppressing it.

The state senate has decided to pass a bill reducing the interest on state warrants to five per cent from seven per cent. In times past there have been occasions when the warrants of the state have been at a discount, even with them bearing seven per cent. Whether or not they can always be disposed of at par appears to be a question depending more or less upon temporary conditions. At the present time they are bringing two per cent premium on all sums exceeding forty dollars.

The bill regulating stock yard charges came up in the house Tuesday. There was a good attendance of Omaha men interested in the bill. There were minority and majority reports and after a spirited contest the former was adopted and the bill went to the general file. This is considered a defeat of the stock yards people and in favor of the shippers.

The university appropriation bill was then taken up. There was much opposition to the proposed levy, the proceeds of which would go toward furnishing new buildings for the crowds of students. The house was rather evenly balanced, and for a time it looked as if the university might come out short of needed improvements, but the bill was finally recommended to pass.

The senate recommended passing a bill prohibiting the coloring of oleomargarine to look like butter. The Omaha packers offered some feeble objections, but to no purpose. The senate took another turn at employees and decided to retain the ninety and nine and secure payment for them despite the auditor's declaration that he would not pay more than the law allows.

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OUTLAWS WIPED OUT.

Jim French and Slaughter Kid Killed at Catonsa, I. T.

LAST OF THE COOK GANG.

Cowboy Opens Fire With His Revolver From a Store, Which the Bandits Attempted to Rob—Clerk Irwin Mortally Wounded.

CLARENCE, I. T., Feb. 7.—Jim French and Slaughter Kid undertook to rob the store of W. E. Patton at Catonsa, about 12 miles south of here. The bandits were recognized as they rode into town. They dismounted before the store of Patton, where a Texas cowboy from within opened fire on them, instantly killing Slaughter Kid with his second shot. He fired a third shot at Jim French, but missed. Having no more cartridges, he secreted his revolver. French entered the store and accused the cowboy of killing his partner in crime, but the cowboy protested that he had no gun, hence he was not the one, whereupon French turned and shot Manager Irwin, chief clerk of the store, through the body. Irwin drew a revolver and returned the fire, shooting French through the body and through the right eye. French managed to reach his horse and mounting, rode to a house a short distance away. The man at once informed the town of French's whereabouts and a crowd assembled to capture the dying bandit, who heard them approaching, raised up and looked out of the window and at that moment received a load of buckshot in the face, almost tearing his head off. Mr. Irwin's death is expected honor, as the Winchester ball ploughed through his body from side to side just below the waist. He exhibited great courage in returning the fire after receiving his own death wound. The death of these outlaws entirely wipes out the Cook gang with the exception of Bill Doolin.

LA GASCOGNE NOT YET SIGHTED.

General Belief That the Machinery of the Big Liner is Disabled.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—The French steamer La Gascoigne, from Havre, has not yet been sighted. It is now the general belief a heavy steamship people that some part of her machinery has broken down and that having made temporary repairs she is proceeding slowly toward port. Having only two masts she could not spread any great quantity of canvas, consequently her speed would not be greatly increased if sail had been hoisted to assist her progress. Should her machinery be so disabled as to be completely useless for the time being she would be obliged to use her sails and in the teeth of the north-west winds that have prevailed for some days past she could make little, if any, headway.

The White Star liner Teutonic, from Liverpool and Queenstown, was due to arrive at 1:56 yesterday morning to equal her record, but has not been reported as having arrived. She is now 23 hours behind her record. The thought that she has fallen in with the La Gascoigne and taken her in tow is somewhat strengthened by her non-arrival.

An immense field of ice drifted down the bay with the ebb tide this morning. This ice was so heavy and compact that inland and along the ferry boats going up the bay found much difficulty in getting through it.

Seven Lives Lost.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—An unknown vessel has foundered off Port Patrick, Scotland, with the loss of seven lives, and a two-masted steamship is ashore on the Isle of Man. The storms, which have severely impeded traffic throughout England, are becoming more severe. The highlands of Scotland are completely isolated and all the railroads are blocked with snow. The Thames is frozen over at Chelsea and the Scheldt at Antwerp is covered with ice. At Antwerp the thermometer registered 15 degrees below zero, the lowest point recorded for 20 years.

Trains Delayed by Cold and Blizzards.

OMAHA, Feb. 7.—Draught snow and a cold intense cold greatly interfered with the movement of trains here Nebraska last night and today. The through train from Billings, Mont., on the Burlington, due here at 11:45 last night, has not yet arrived. No trains have arrived since yesterday morning on the Fremont, Elkhorn and Missouri Valley road from the Black Hills. All trains on the Union Pacific are delayed and many engines have been "killed" by freezing.

Wreck on the Union Pacific.

CHAPPELL, Neb., Feb. 7.—The Atlantic express on the Union Pacific road was wrecked one mile from here this morning, four cars and the engine being overturned. No one was injured, but as the thermometer registered 20 below the passengers suffered with the cold. The accident was caused by the breaking of a frosty rail.

Stock Likely to Perish.

DENVER, Feb. 7.—Throughout Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico the temperature ranged from 5 to 40 degrees below zero. In the eastern part of Colorado the blizzard caused much suffering among the destitute and it is feared there will be considerable loss of stock unless the weather moderates very quickly, as ranchmen are short of feed.

Overdue Steamer Arrives.

QUEENSTOWN, Feb. 7.—The Cunard line steamer Cephalonia, Captain Seely, from Boston Jan. 26 for Liverpool, passed Bowhead at 11:55, about 56 hours behind schedule time.

Sioux City is Chilly.

SIoux CITY, Feb. 7.—The weather is the coldest of the winter, thermometers recording from 20 to 30 below.

OTHER POWERS WILL TAKE A HAND.

Attitude of Russia, England, France and the United States on the Oriental War.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—A dispatch from Paris says that some of the Russian envoys have received instructions as to the attitude which Russia, England and France and, through Russia's intervention, the United States, intend to take on the question raised by the war between China and Japan. According to The Times' correspondent it has been decided that the eventual intervention of these powers at the proper moment shall be absolutely disruptive, China will be asked in her own interests as well as those of the civilized world to open her ports, seeing that the present system has led to China's powerlessness and ruin. The powers will wait until China admits herself vanquished and sincerely negotiates for peace. It will then be pointed out to Japan that Europe cannot allow her to annex an inch of the Chinese mainland. But the same impossibility does not exist in regard to other annexations which will be open to discussion. There will be no intervention concerning vessels, arms and other booty nor as to the war indemnity. This question must be settled between the combatants. No objection must be entertained as to Japan retaining certain positions as pledges of payment. No commercial stipulations to the disadvantage of the powers will be permitted. The whole world is to profit by any opening of ports or to be benefited by the interior of China. Finally the powers will insist that the Chinese currency in future is to be on the European system, in order to facilitate the new foreign loan to which China will be obliged to resort.

STREET ALSO EVADES SERVICE.

Pullman's Clerk Summoned to Appear in Court and Explain.

CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—Judge Grosscup appeared determined today to find out whether George M. Pullman evaded the service of the subpoena issued for him by the defense in the Debs conspiracy case. At the opening of the court William R. Johnson, the colored doorkeeper of Mr. Pullman's private office, was called before the judge and said that he saw Mr. Pullman enter his office on Monday morning at 10:30, an hour after Deputy Jones called. The doorkeeper asked for his name and business. Jones wrote his name and official title on a card, which Johnson said he gave to C. S. Sweet, Mr. Pullman's private secretary. The secretary entered the inner office, and returning said Mr. Pullman was not in. Johnson said he did not see Mr. Pullman come out of his office, nor did he know if Pullman was there at the time the card was sent in. Judge Grosscup asked for Mr. Sweet, and was informed by the counsel for the defense that Sweet had disappeared also. "Never mind, then," said the judge. "We will postpone the inquiry until Mr. Sweet is found and brought before the court."

After the Pullman Matter had been continued.

Jennie Curtis, an ex-Pullman employe, took the stand and told of the poverty of many of the Pullman company's employes previous to the strike. Debs was then called for cross-examination by the government, the examination taking up the greater portion of the session.

Hayward Murders Trial.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 7.—The first witness in the Hayward murder trial this morning was Hans Barlow. Barlow had been present in the basement of the Oak flat when Blixt cut the T rail in two for Harry Hayward. He was put on by the state to corroborate Blixt's story of that transaction and did so without contradicting Blixt in any important feature. He had helped Blixt cut the T rail in two and heard Hayward scold Blixt for cutting it instead of simply bending it.

Big Gingham Mills Burned.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 7.—The big gingham mills of Walker & Richmond, located at Power Mill Lane and Frankfort Creek, were totally destroyed by fire after midnight last night. The loss was \$70,000.

Two More Bodies From the Elbe.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—Two more bodies supposed to be of passengers on the Elbe have been brought to Lowestoft. One of them has not been identified. The other is that of Edward Markowitz of Buda Pesth.

Death of Colonel Seely.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Colonel Franklin A. Seely, formerly chief clerk of the patent office and late examiner of trade marks, died here.

Three Dead Bodies Aboard.

VINEYARD HAVEN, MASS., Feb. 7.—An unknown line schooner is ashore with three bodies lashed to the deckhouse and covered with ice.

TELEGRAPHIC CONDENSATIONS.

J. L. Pickett of Okaloosa, Ia., has been confirmed as a member of the state pharmacy board.

The retail lumber dealers of Michigan, now in session at Jackson, will go on an excursion to the south.

John Leak, colored, has been arrested at Battle Creek, Mich., charged with the murder of George Arnold.

Stella Winn, aged 17, committed suicide at Carrollton, Ill. It is said, because of disappointment in a love affair.

Fire destroyed the business portion of Jamaica, a town in Iowa. The postoffice was among the buildings burned.

The grand lodge of Illinois of the Independent Order of Mutual Aid is holding its eighth annual session at Quincy.

Masked men robbed Jacob Engel and wife, living near Bremen, Ind., and tying them to a bedpost left them to freeze.

At Indianapolis the Code implement warehouse and stores were consumed. The loss will reach \$100,000.

Judge Clomson gave Emeline McCoy a judgment for \$200 against the Northwestern Mutual Relief association of Madison, Wis.

Village of Leipzig, Putnam county, Ohio, was visited by a fire which swept away the business district. Loss aggregate \$100,000.

CLEVELAND AS ARBITRATOR.

Brazil-Argentine Boundary Dispute Decided in Favor of Brazil.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The president Wednesday announced through the secretary of state his decision as arbitrator between Brazil and Argentina in the boundary dispute between the two countries over the Missions territory. The document was quite long and much of it was given up to a recital of the provision of the treaty of Sept. 31, 1858, by which the two countries agreed to submit the questions at issue to the arbitration of the president of the United States and stated at length the exact measures to be determined by the arbitrator. The substance of the president's decision is contained in the following paragraph: "That the boundary line between the Argentine Republic and the United States of Brazil in that part submitted to me for arbitration and decision, is constituted and shall be established by and upon the rivers Pepiri, (also called Pepiri-Guazu) and San Antonio, to wit: The river which Brazil had designated in the argument and documents submitted to me as constituting the boundary, and herein before denominated the westerly system."

The territory involved covers an area of 31,000 square miles and has a population of about 7,000 inhabitants. The situation of the disputed territory is of no little interest, not only from a political, but from a military standpoint. Its loss to Brazil would almost have cut off the rich and populous Brazilian state of Rio Grande do Sul from the remainder of the republic, leaving only a narrow tongue of land something less than 60 leagues wide as a means of connection. Thus the territory of Missions, if held by a foreign power, would be a continual menace to the peace and progress of Rio Grande do Sul.

Harry Hill is Ready to Die.

PLATTSBURGH, Neb., Feb. 7.—Harry Hill, who will be executed March 1, has given up all hope of looking to the governor to commute his sentence. The man has a death that he fully earned over to the coroner for burial will be subjected to an autopsy at the hands of a physician, and has expressed a desire that his remains be transported to Omaha and turned over to a humane society in that city for burial.

Union Pacific Mine on Fire.

CHEYENNE, Feb. 7.—The Union Pacific shaft No. 1 at Hanna is on fire. All openings have been closed up with a view of smothering the fire. The mine will be closed 30 days at least. Between 300 and 400 men were employed in the mine. The company will suffer a loss of \$100,000 at least on account of the fire. The coal from this mine is used extensively by the Union Pacific on its locomotives.

Death of Miss Vignain.

LINCOLN, Feb. 7.—Word has been received here that Miss Caroline Vignain, daughter of General Victor Vignain, died at Panama, Colombia, last week. General Vignain was appointed consul at Panama from this city by President Cleveland, and he was accompanied by his post of duty by his daughter, who was well known in Lincoln. The body was buried at Panama on Saturday last.

Leader of the Gang Caught.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 7.—C. Kuss, alias Frank Sineck, alleged head of the gang of Nebraska stock thieves, was arrested here by Nebraska detectives who had followed him to this city. One of the arresting officers says the gang of which Kuss is leader has stolen hundreds of head of cattle, hogs and sheep from the vicinity of Tobias, Neb., during the past two years.

Valuable Nebraska Farms.

BEATRICE, Neb., Feb. 7.—The largest cash real estate transaction that has ever occurred in Gage county was closed up by Joseph Ellis, a resident of the county, conveying to Louise C. Seely of Lincoln, Ill., a daughter-in-law of Lord Seely of Ireland, 1,187 acres in Grant and Midland townships. The price, which was paid in cash, was \$41,000.

Forgery and Embezzlement.

KOKOMO, Ind., Feb. 7.—It is now alleged that the flight of John E. Holman, the attorney, was a carefully planned affair. Evidences of forgery and embezzlement have developed. Fraudulent transactions aggregating \$25,000 have already turned up, with much more to be investigated.

Des Moines River Land Settlement.

SIoux CITY, Feb. 7.—The commission to distribute the \$100,000 congressional appropriation for the indemnity of settlers of the Des Moines river lands has completed its report. This is the final act in that celebrated case, which goes back to 1846.

Will Shut Down the Works.

WOONSOCKET, R. I., Feb. 7.—The 1,650 employes of the Allied mill of the United States Rubber company have received notice that the entire works would be shut down on Feb. 11 for an indefinite period. The weekly pay roll is over \$15,000.

Farmers Decline to Federate.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 7.—The supreme council of the Farmers' Alliance declined to take action on the plan projected by the National Federation of Farmers for merging all the farmers' organizations into one great company.

Rev. J. H. White Elected Bishop.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 7.—The Rev. John Hazen White of Fairbairn, Minn., was elected bishop of the Indiana diocese of the Episcopal church to succeed David B. Knickerbacker, deceased.

American Marines Released.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Dispatches received here indicate that the men from the American warship Concord who were seized by natives from Chin Kiang have been released.

Will Make Chicago Headquarters.

CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—The new receivers of the whiskey trust will very shortly move the general office of the company from Peoria to Chicago.

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